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APPENDIX I.

[Vide item IV Communication to the Council at page 493 supra.]

Statement showing the Resolutions passed by the House Committees of the I and II Sessions of the Second Council and the action taken thereon.

I Session—Two meetings.

**I.—RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 8TH FEBRUARY 1924.**

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

1. That arrangements be made to give a separate room to the Deputy President.

In their Memorandum, dated 11th April 1924, the Government stated that no room was available and the matter would be further considered.

The Public Works Department is considering the question.

2. That steps be taken to improve and beautify the grass plots on either side of the Council Chamber by the provision of fountains, crotons, etc.

3. That another water filter be provided in the big Committee room for the use of the Members of the Council and that water, boiled and then cooled, be supplied to them.

A second water filter was purchased and placed in the big Committee room on 18th August 1924. Water boiled and cooled is being supplied to Members of the Legislative Council.

4. That Members of the Legislative Council be provided with letter papers and covers embossed with the "Royal Arms" and the inscription, "Legislative Council" on payment of cost.

The Government adhered to the previous decision that letters should not be written on the Legislative Council paper except on the Legislative Council premises. For further correspondence on the subject—vide resolution No. 14 of the House Committee of 24th October 1924.

**II.—RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 4TH APRIL 1924.**

5. That triangular mud pots or tins be kept for the purpose of spitting on the green grass grounds situated on either side of the Council Chamber.

Earthen pots of required size and shape have been purchased.

6. That during the hours between 1 and 3 p.m. the restaurant keepers in the Council Chamber be not permitted to supply within the luncheon room tiffin to persons who are not Members of the Council unless introduced by a Member.

A circular has been issued to the caterers for Indian and European Members. A notice board has also been put up at the entrance to the Indian and European Members' tiffin rooms to the following effect:—

"No admission to strangers between 1 and 3 p.m. unless introduced by Members."

7. That the Government be requested to secure accommodation (boarding and lodging) for the mufassal Members of the Legislative Council (preferably within the Fort premises).

The Government stated in Memorandum No. 1803-2, dated 4th August 1924, that it was not possible to undertake boarding arrangements for mufassal Members nor could provision be made for their lodging within the Fort. With a view, however, to examine the feasibility of providing accommodation for mufassal Members outside the Fort, the Government desired to have information as to the number of mufassal Members who might be willing to take up such quarters, the rate at which and the period for which they would take them if provided. A demi-official was issued to all mufassal Members and the replies received were communicated to Government. The Government have, in their Memorandum dated 14th January 1925 regretted their inability to make any arrangements.

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MEETING OF 4TH APRIL 1924.

8. That the Government be requested to give facilities to the Members of the Legislative Council by the provision of a room and an attender to enable them to keep their bags, etc., when they leave the Council in the evenings.

9. That, as far as possible, strangers be excluded from the Committee rooms and that notices be put up in front of them stating that the rooms are reserved for Members only.

10. That the Secretary be authorized to address the Government about the necessity for supplying embossed letter papers and envelopes to Members of the Legislative Council on payment of cost.

11. That separate waiting and cloak room be provided for lady visitors.

12. That separate rooms be provided in the Legislative Council buildings for the leaders and whips of the Ministerialists and opposition parties.

13. That a sum of Rs. 5,000 be placed at the disposal of the House Committee for such uses as they may consider necessary for the carrying out of their resolutions.

II Session.

III.—RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE 24TH OCTOBER 1924.

14. That a letter be sent to the Government on the subject of the supply of embossed letter papers and envelopes to Members of the Legislative Council.

(The House Committee approved of the terms of a letter which had been drafted by the Secretary.)

15. (a) That the Government be responsible for the supply of good tiffin to the Members of the Legislative Council on the days of Council sittings and that for this purpose a staff be provided in the Council office which shall perform the following duties, viz.,

- (i) buying necessary provisions,
- (ii) engaging cooks, and
- (iii) getting fresh tiffin prepared and

supplied to Members, the Members being liable to pay the cost of the tiffin supplied to them;

(b) that, pending orders of the Government on the above resolution, the present caterer be directed to obey the instructions given to him by the House Committee to-day.

16. That napkins be provided for Members during lunch.

17. That the clerk in charge of the southern Committee room and the librarian be warned to see that no non-Members are allowed to enter that room.

18. That two copies of all the English dailies in Madras and of the *Swadesamitran* and the *Andhrapatrika* be placed one set in each Committee room.

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

The Government suggested that arrangements might be made for the custody of bags belonging to Members in the rooms available at present and without any extra cost to Government. The Government were, however, informed by the Secretary that no room was available. The question of providing lockers is however under consideration—vide resolution No. 23 of the House Committee meeting of 24th October 1924.

A notice board with the words "Reserved for Members only" has been put up at the entrance to the Committee room.

Vide resolution No. 14 of the House Committee meeting of 24th October 1924.

The Government stated that there were no rooms available for this purpose.
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In their Memorandum dated 29th May 1924 the Government expressed their inability to sanction the lump allotment asked for.

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

The Government have been addressed on the subject in letter No. 3797-1 L.O., dated 7th November 1924. Their reply is awaited.

The Government expressed their inability to accept the resolution and suggested that the House Committee or the Secretary, Legislative Council, might invite tenders from local hotel keepers and impose conditions on the caterer as regards the quality, quantity, etc., of the lunch to be supplied.

This is being done.

This has been done.

Extra copies of English dailies and of the *Swadesamitran* and *Andhrapatrika* are being purchased and placed, one set in each Committee room.

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19. That the Oriental Arts Series and Sarma's Portfolio of Drawings be bought for the use of the Members.

20. That exhaust-fans be provided in the bath room.

21. That small mats or carpets be provided for Muhammadan Members for use during prayers.

22. That the Government be again requested to make an allotment of Rs. 5,000 to be placed at the disposal of the House Committee for such uses as they may consider necessary for the carrying out of their resolutions.

23. That lockers be provided for the use of Members as per plan enclosed.

24. That separate rooms for the Leaders and Whips of the Ministerial and Opposition parties in the House and for the Deputy President are absolutely necessary and that the Government be requested to take immediate steps to provide the same and that, if necessary, the Legislative Council Chambers be extended.

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

The Government considered that this publication was unsuitable for being placed in the Legislative Council library.

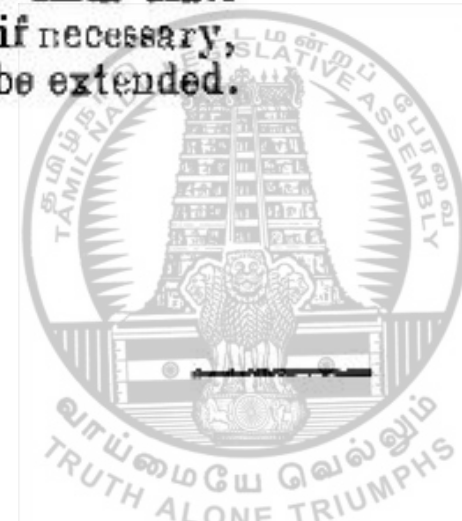
The estimate for the work prepared by the Electrical Engineer is under consideration in the Law Department.

These articles will be purchased and supplied.

The Government have in their Memorandum dated 8th December 1924 expressed their inability to sanction the lump allotment asked for.

The Secretary suggested that 40 or 50 lockers might be made for the present. The hon. the Finance Member wanted to have an ocular demonstration of the lockers and arrangements for the same are being made.

In their Memorandum dated 8th December 1924 the Government stated that no rooms were available.



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APPENDIX II

[Vide debate on the Madras Civil Courts Bill at page 503 supra].

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE
MADRAS CIVIL COURTS BILL.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Civil Courts Bill, have the honour to submit the following report.

2. We held our meeting on the 4th February.

3. We append an amending Bill which embodies the changes needed to enable the Local Government to appoint more than one Subordinate Judge or District Munsif to a